The Beekman Winthrop episode is a classic example of the ease with which a law was made to fit the case. Mr. Winthrop was the executive secretary of the Commission. It was desired to give him a position on the Philippine bench. The organic law for the judiciary provided as qualifications for a Judge that he should (i) be more than thirty years of age, and (2) have practised law at least five years before appointment.

Unhappily for all concerned, young Mr. Winthrop was not thirty and had not practised law for five years. *No imforta* (not important). *Presto* a special law (Act No. 1024) was passed. The age requirement was reduced to twenty-five and the legal practice requirement was made alternative, with a clause providing that the appointee should have been a graduate for three years of a law school of recognized standing.

Executive Secretary Winthrop became Judge Winthrop and after deciding a famous case became Governor Winthrop of Puerto Rico.

The Philippine Legislature gravitated to the other extreme of putting off the work of today until *manana* (tomorrow), until in fact *manana* had become the last night of the last day when there could be no more *manana.* This practice so easily susceptible to slipshod legislation was railed against by the Chief Executives, for it threw a heavy burden on them when they had to winnow the wheat from the chaff, the wise bills from the unwise bills. The practice also resulted in the railroading of bills of which the average legislators knew nothing. It remained for Speaker Quintin Paredes to

announce that twelve o'clock midnight meant twelve o'clock midnight, and that the House of Representatives would then adjourn *sine die,* and to the consternation of the members of the House and of the Senate, adjourn the House did as the clock struck twelve. The Constitution of the Philippines attempts to prevent the passage of bills wholesale during the much condemned "*sine die* session[7]" of the Legislature, by requiring the printing and distribution of copies of bills at least